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1. FOR THE INFORMATION AND USE OF ADDRESSEES, THE  
FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE WAS MADE BY AID ON JANUARY 10.

2. PEGIN TEXT: U.S. GOVERNMENT TO HELP AFGHAN REFUGEES  
IN PAKISTAN

THE UNITED STATES MOVED TODAY TO HELP FEED REFUGEES  
FLEEING FROM AFGHANISTAN INTO PAKISTAN. IT ACTED IN  
RESPONSE TO AN URGENT REQUEST FROM THE UNITED NATIONS'  
WORLD FOOD PROGRAM.

THE UNITED STATES IS SHIPPING 15,904 METRIC TONS OF  
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WHEAT, 999 METRIC TONS OF VEGETABLE OIL AND 646 METRIC

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TONS OF NON-FAT DRIED MILK IN ANSWER TO THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT'S APPEAL TO WORLD SOURCES FOR HELP. THESE COMMODITIES WILL HELP FEED 185,000 PEOPLE AND REPRESENTS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S FIRST SUCH ASSISTANCE.

THE EXPORT MARKET VALUE OF THESE COMMODITIES IS \$3,938,000; THE SHIPPING COST IS \$2.2 MILLION.

THE UNITED NATIONS ESTIMATES THAT AS MANY AS 700,000 AFGHANS ARE NOW IN PAKISTAN. END TEXT VANCE

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